



Accessing the Kingdom - Part 3: Renewing the Mind

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Intro

Repentance is more than sorrow , it's a shift in perspective. This session unpacks how mind renewal aligns us with Heaven, empowering us to see, believe, and walk in Kingdom truth. You can't live in what you won't think with.

My Intention and Assumptions

I hope that your relationship with God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit is strengthened through this teaching. My assumption is that you have read or are reading all 66 books of the Bible for context. This is meant to be 'salt' and make you thirsty. You're welcome.

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Creative Belief: The Transformation of the Mind

"The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

Mark 1:15

Another way of saying the last part of this verse is: "**Change the way you think so you can believe the good news.**"

Without a major mind shift led by the Spirit of God, we will not fully comprehend how radically good this news is: **the Kingdom is now at hand, within reach.**

Discipleship: Not Just Behavior, But Belief

Matthew 28:18–19 "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations..."

I heard the Lord say, "Christians often think making disciples means making people act like Jesus."

Then He clarified: **To truly be a disciple, we must believe like Jesus.**

Why does this matter?

Because if we try to get people to act like Jesus, they'll just be trying to perform, acting like something they don't believe they are.

That kind of Christianity becomes burdensome.

But if we **believe** like Jesus, we'll know we are beloved children of God, fully accepted, heard, and empowered.

We'll believe that righteousness, love, healing, and wisdom aren't just actions, they're our **nature.**

From Performance to Identity

When disciples share the **beliefs of Jesus**, they will naturally live from identity.

They won't work **for** love, they'll work **from** love.

The prayer of this hour is not, "Jesus, tell me what to do," but "**Jesus, tell me what to believe.**"

Mark 1:15 doesn't say "Repent, and do." It says, "**Repent, and believe.**"

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I discovered that what I thought I believed was often just mental assent. For belief to move from **conscious agreement** to **unconscious identity** takes time.

When You Know You Believe

I know I truly believe something when my **emotions respond** to that truth.

When a truth shapes the **spirit of our mind**, our automatic thoughts and reactions, it has become a true belief.

Driving is a good example. At first, we drive consciously, carefully. Over time, it becomes second nature.

Belief works the same way.

When I **unconsciously believe** that God is good, I look for blessing even in trials.

Instead of waiting for the rug to be pulled out, I'm expecting increase.

Instead of fearing loss, I anticipate good.

He takes us from glory to glory, He is the God of increase.

Think on Purpose

We trained ourselves to drive, we can train our thoughts too.

Philippians 4:8 "Think on these things."

This is an invitation: **Think on purpose**. Speak, declare, imagine on purpose.

Do this consistently, and truth becomes who you are.

As we think on what is good, noble, and of good report, we begin to experience the fruit of those thoughts.

This is what it means to be transformed by the renewing of the mind.

Grace for the Process

Renewing your mind is a process. Don't condemn yourself for not arriving overnight.

Condemnation and fear will **hinder** the transformation.

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God wired your brain to **believe what it hears repeatedly**:

"Faith comes by hearing." *Romans 10:17*

So relax. **Speak on purpose. Think on purpose.** You're training your spirit to agree with Heaven.

Application

- Do you anticipate failure more than success?
- Do you doubt that good things can last?
- Do you believe God wants to bless you, or are you afraid He'll withhold?

Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal **any unconscious beliefs** that don't match the truth that the Kingdom is within you.

Declaration

I anticipate good coming my way.

Goodness and mercy follow me all the days of my life.

My thoughts are submitted to the truth of Heaven.

I think on purpose. I speak on purpose. I build with my words.

My mouth is a framing hammer in God's hands.